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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:****CLAIMS**

1. A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:
- placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;
  - transferring designated information having at least one associated cost from the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information; and
  - debiting the first location for the selected information after the selected information is transferred.
2. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
- recording associated costs at the first location; and
  - communicating recorded associated costs from the first location to a invoice location.
3. The method in accordance with claim 2, further comprising:
- communicating a debit charge from the second location to the invoicing location after the selected information is transferred.
4. The method in accordance with claim 3, further comprising:
- comparing the recorded debits from the first location with the debits charges from the second location;
  - generating an invoice; and
  - communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.
5. The method in accordance with claim 4, wherein at least the first location is a wireless communication device.

6. The method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the communication between the first location and the second location is routed via the Internet.

7. The method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the at least one associated cost comprises an information access debit and an each-use debit.

8. A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location; loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second location;

using the copy of the designated information at the first location; and charging a debit to the first location each time the copy is used.

9. The method in accordance with claim 8, further comprising: storing the charges for each debit at the first location; and transferring the charges to an invoicing location from the first location.

10. The method in accordance with claim 9, further comprising: charging a first debit to the first location for the copy of the designated information after the designated information has been downloaded.

11. The method in accordance with claim 10, wherein at least the first location is a wireless communication device.

12. The method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the second location is accessed via the Internet.

13. The method in accordance with claim 12, wherein the selected information is an application program.

14. A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

- placing a first location in communication with a second location, wherein the placing of the first location in communication with the second location has at least one associated cost;
- loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second location, wherein the loading of the copy from the second location to the first location has another at least one associated cost;
- using the loaded copy of the designated information;
- storing all associated costs at the first location;
- communicating all associated costs from the first location to an invoicing location;
- generating an invoice; and
- communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

15. The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the another at least one associated cost is zero, wherein using the copy of the designated information has an each-use associated cost, and wherein the each-use associated cost is incurred each time the designated information is used.

16. The method in accordance with claim 15, wherein the copy of the designated information is used at the first location.

17. A digital signal processing apparatus to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

- a digital signal processing unit accessible to a communications system;
- a storage unit containing data communicatively coupled to the processing unit for establishing predetermined operational characteristics of the apparatus by:
  - placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

transferring designated information having at least one associated cost from the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information; and

debiting the first location for the selected information after the selected information is transferred.

18. The apparatus in accordance with claim 1<sup>7</sup>, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

recording associated costs at the first location; and

communicating recorded associated costs from the first location to an invoicing location.

19. The apparatus in accordance with claim 18, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

communicating a debit from the second location to the invoicing location after the selected information is transferred.

20. The apparatus in accordance with claim 19, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

comparing the recorded debits from the first location with the recorded debits from the second location;

generating an invoice; and

communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

21. A digital signal processing apparatus to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

means for digitally processing a signal and accessible to a communications system;

storage means, containing data communicatively coupled to the processing means, for establishing predetermined operational characteristics of the apparatus by:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

transferring designated information having at least one associated cost from the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information; and

debiting the first location for the selected information after the selected information is transferred.

22. The apparatus in accordance with claim 21, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

recording associated costs at the first location; and

communicating recorded associated costs from the first location to an invoicing location.

23. The apparatus in accordance with claim 22, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

communicating a debit from the second location to the invoicing location after the selected information is transferred.

24. The apparatus in accordance with claim 23, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:

comparing the recorded debits from the first location with the recorded debits from the second location;

generating an invoice; and

communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

25. An article of manufacture tangibly embodying a data of machine-readable instructions and data executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform method steps to invoice users for information accessed using a communication system, wherein the communication system includes at least one first location, at least one second location, at least one invoicing location, at least one digital signal processing unit in communicatively

coupled to the communications system, and at least one storage unit  
containing data communicatively coupled to the processing unit for  
establishing predetermined operational characteristics of one or more  
locations within the communication system, the machine-readable  
instructions and data of the article of manufacture comprising data to:  
place a first location in communication with a remote second location;  
transfer designated information having at least one associated cost from  
the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to  
payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information; and  
debit the first location for the selected information after the selected  
information is transferred.

26. The article of manufacture in accordance with claim 25, the machine-  
readable instructions of the article of manufacture further comprising  
instructions and data to:  
record associated costs at the first location; and  
communicate recorded associated costs from the first location to a billing  
location.

27. The article of manufacture in accordance with claim 26, the machine-  
readable instructions of the article of manufacture further comprising  
instructions and data to: communicate a debit charge from the second  
location to the billing location after the selected information is transferred.

28. The article of manufacture in accordance with claim 27, the machine-  
readable instructions of the article of manufacture further comprising  
instructions and data to: compare the recorded debits from the first location  
with the recorded debits from the second location;  
generate an invoice; and  
communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the  
invoice.